

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

ORDER

During the period of Judge Shabaz's convalescence and rehabilitation following his shoulder injury, 50% of all civil cases filed in this district, with the exception of social security appeals, bankruptcy appeals, federal collection and foreclosure actions and motions brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 will be assigned at random to United States Magistrate Judge Stephen L. Crocker for all purposes, including trials and the entry of final judgment, unless counsel advise the court in writing that they do not consent to his exercising such jurisdiction. If consent is withheld, the magistrate judge will continue to handle pretrial matters in all civil cases. As 28 U.S.C. § 636 provides, the parties are free to withhold their consent without any adverse substantive consequences. Neither the judge nor magistrate judge will know whether all parties or only one withheld consent.

Upon Judge Shabaz's return, he will assume responsibility for all cases assigned to the magistrate judge except those that the magistrate judge is handling by consent.

Entered this 11th day of March, 2008.

BY THE COURT:
/s/
BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge